

provided with a chassis or housing 86 suitable for holding the various systems and components (not shown) that may be contained within device 36. By way of example, the second cartridge receiving device 36 may comprise a cartridge storage magazine. Alternatively, the second cartridge receiving device 36 may comprise any of a wide range of cartridge receiving devices now known in the art or that may be developed in the future.--

In the Claims:

10 Please replace claims 1, 10, 14, and 20 with the following rewritten claims:

1. A reconfigurable cartridge processing module for use in a data storage system, comprising:

15 a frame having a plurality of sets of mounting locations provided thereon so that said frame defines a first component configuration and a second component configuration, the first component configuration comprising:

20 a first cartridge receiving device mounted to a first set of the plurality of sets of mounting locations provided on said frame so that said first cartridge receiving device is located at a first position within said frame; and

25 a second cartridge receiving device mounted to a second set of the plurality of sets of mounting locations provided on said frame so that said second cartridge receiving device is located at a second position within said frame, said first and second cartridge receiving devices together occupying a volumetric space within said frame;

30 the second component configuration comprising a third

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cartridge receiving device mounted to a third set of the plurality of sets of mounting locations provided on said frame, said third cartridge receiving device occupying substantially the same volumetric space within said frame as is occupied by said first and second cartridge receiving devices in said first component configuration.

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10. A reconfigurable cartridge processing module for use in a data storage system, comprising:

a frame having a plurality of sets of mounting locations provided thereon so that said frame defines a first component configuration and a second component configuration, the first component configuration comprising:

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a first cartridge receiving device mounted to a first set of the plurality of sets of mounting locations provided on said frame so that said first cartridge receiving device is located at a first position within said frame; and

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a second cartridge receiving device mounted to a second set of the plurality of sets of mounting locations provided on said frame so that said second cartridge receiving device is located at a second position within said frame, the second position being located adjacent the first position so that said second cartridge receiving device is located alongside said first cartridge receiving device;

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the second component configuration comprising a third cartridge receiving device mounted to a third set of the plurality of sets of mounting locations provided on said frame, said third cartridge receiving device in said second component configuration substantially replacing said first and second cartridge receiving devices in said first component configuration and vice-versa, so that a volumetric space occupied by said first and second

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cartridge receiving devices in said first component configuration is substantially occupied by said third cartridge receiving device in said second component configuration and vice-versa.

5 14. A reconfigurable cartridge processing module for use in a data storage system, comprising:

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frame means for defining a first component configuration and a second component configuration, the first component configuration comprising:

10 first cartridge receiving means mounted to said frame means for receiving at least one data cartridge; and

15 second cartridge receiving means mounted to said frame means for receiving said at least one data cartridge;

20 the second component configuration comprising third cartridge receiving means mounted to said frame means for receiving said at least one data cartridge, said third cartridge receiving means in said second component configuration replacing said first and second cartridge receiving means in said first component configuration and vice-versa so that a volumetric space occupied by said first and second cartridge receiving means in said first configuration is substantially occupied by said third cartridge receiving means in said second configuration and vice-versa.

25 20. A method, comprising:

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providing a frame having a plurality of sets of mounting locations thereon;

30 defining a first component configuration by mounting a first cartridge receiving device to a first set of the plurality of sets of mounting locations provided on said frame and by mounting a second cartridge receiving device